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## November Events at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The city of Las Vegas was first settled by Mormon pioneers from Utah in 1855 with a humble adobe fort along a creek. The site later became the center of one of the most important ranches in southern Nevada. Now a state park, the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort is preserved as the birthplace of one of our nation's most iconic cities. Join park rangers for one, or all, unique Saturday programs and learn about the pioneer heritage of Las Vegas.

**Old Fort Fall Campfire:** Embrace the fall season and cooler temperatures with the Fort's first campfire of the year. Come and enjoy complimentary hot beverages and s'mores while discussing the Old Fort's history with a park ranger.

WHEN: Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Make Your Own Dream Catcher:** Learn how to keep bad dreams away by making your own dream catcher. Supplies will be provided by the Fort. This program is geared for children 12 years old and younger.

WHEN: Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Old Fort Holiday Craft Fair:** A diverse group of craft vendors will be set up all over the park to display and sell a wide range of products made in Nevada. This event will also feature a blacksmith demonstration, live music, food and hands-on crafts for children. Come get your holiday shopping done early!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**History Talk: Hoover Dam, Las Vegas, and the Old Fort:** The decision to construct the Hoover Dam had far reaching consequences for southern Nevada, and the site of the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort would play a role in this catalytic event. Come for a talk on the history of the dam's construction, its impact on Las Vegas and the contributions of the Old Mormon Fort.

WHEN: Saturday, November 26, 11:00 a.m.

Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort State Historic Park is located at 500 East Washington Avenue (on the corner of East Washington Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard). Admission is \$1.00 per person (cash or check only). Children 12 and under are free.

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The passport challenge continues: The **Nevada State Parks Passport Booklet** is now available and may be picked up at any state park. Visitors who have their booklets stamped at 15 different parks will earn a free annual pass to all Nevada State Parks. The booklet, which serves as a travel aid as well as travelogue for park visitors, includes photos, a description of each park, lists of amenities, travel journal pages and spaces for validation stamps which have been designed to reflect each unique state park.